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SUBJECT: ALVARO GOMEZ TO VISIT WASHINGTON

1. ALVARO GOMEZ HURTADO, LEADING CONTENDER FOR THE CONSERVATIVE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY NOMINATION, WILL VISIT US IN EARLY APRIL. THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST VISIT IN FIVE YEARS AND HE IS ANXIOUS TO RENEW HIS KNOWLEDGE OF WASHINGTON. HE EXPRESSED HOPE TO BE ABLE TO VISIT WITH DEPT OFFICIALS. TENTATIVELY HE WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF APRIL 9. WE UNDERSTAND HE PLANS TO SEE, AMONG OTHERS, SENATOR JAVITS AND ROBERT MCNAMARA IN WASHDC, AND HENRY FORD IN DETROIT. I RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE DEPT OF STATE RECEIVE GOMEZ.

2. GOMEZ AT THE MOMENT HAS A COMMANDING LEAD FOR HIS PARTY'S NOMINATION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 21, 1974. IN A RACE AGAINST A CANDIDATE OF A UNIFIED LIBERAL PARTY, HE WOULD BE A DECIDED UNDERDOG, BUT IT IS BY NO MEANS CERTAIN THAT THE LIBERALS WILL BE ABLE TO REMAIN UNITED. IN SHORT, GOMEZ DOES HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN THE PRESIDENCY. HE IS A MODERATE CONSERVATIVE, DESPITE THE LIBERAL HYPERBOLE, WHICH MAKES HIM OUT TO BE A CAVE MAN. HE IS PERHAPS A LITTLE TOO CONSERVATIVE FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IN HIS DEVELOPMENT IDEAS, BUT HIS RECENT STATEMENTS AND SPEECHES INDICATE A DEFINITE SWING TOWARD A TRUE NEED FOR A POSITIVE PROGRAM. HE HAS LONG BEEN A CHAMPION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

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3. A MEETING WITH ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY CRIMMINS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR GOMEZ. IN ADDITION, I WOULD HOPE THAT EITHER UNDER SECRETARY RUSH OR UNDER SECRETARY CASEY COULD RECEIVE HIM.

4. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOMEZ TO HAVE AN INDICATION OF WHICH SENIOR OFFICIALS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO SEE HIM.
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